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SUBJECT: PAPER ON IDF AND ICELANDIC SECURITY
(THE " OPTIONS PAPER")

REF: (A) STATE 057412: (B) REYKJAVIK 329 AND 339 AND 344

1. ADMIRAL BELING AND I FEEL WASH CHANGES HAVE ENHANCED OPTIONS
PAPER. HOWEVER, TO ADAPT TO LOCAL SITUATION WE WOULD PROPOSE
THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. PUT AT TOP OF PAGE 1, IN BOLD CAPS, THE WARNING PRESENTLY
ASTERISKED AT BOTTOM OF PAGE. THIS CHANGE STRICTLY FOR IMPACT.

B. PAGE 5, PARA 5 IN OPTION B. AGAIN FOR REASONS OF LOCAL
IMPACT, INSERT AFTER FIRST FOUR WORDS SECOND LINE (TO THE DEFENSE
FORCE,) " A FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHETHER ICELAND CAN
BE DEFENDED FROM ABROAD AGAINST THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE AGGRESSOR
WHO IS ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME SPECIFIC WORLD SITUATION
OF HIS OWN CHOOSING." CONTINUE THEN WITH REST OF SECOND LINE,
AS NEW SENTENCE " THE US WOULD" ETV.

C. SAME PARA CHANGE "30 PERCENT" TO "35 PERCENT". THIS CHANGE
BECAUSE FONMIN USED THAT PERCENT IN HIS REPORT TO ALTHING FOREIGN
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RELATIONS COMMITTEE (FRC) AND HAS BEEN QUOTED BACK TO ME BY SEVERAL GOVT AND FRC MEMBERS.

D. PAGE 5 PARA 6. ELIMINATE FULL SENTENCE FOURTH LINE WHICH STARTS " THE ALLIANCE WOULD NOT NORMALLY " ETC. THIS THOUGHT FITS BETTER ELSEWHERE IN SAME PARA.

E. PAGE 6 LINE 6, OPTION B, FIFTH WORD. CHANGE " WOULD " TO " COULD ".

F. PAGE 6, LINE 8 OPTION B. INSERT AS NEW SENTENCE BETWEEN WORD " AREA " AND " IN SUCH AN EVENT," ETC., THE THOUGHT WE HAD ELIMINATED D ABOVE, BUT WORDED AS FOLLOWS: " FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, THE ALLIANCE COULD NOT LOGICALLY KEEP SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED AIR AND GROUND FORCES IN NORTHERN SCOTLAND TO COUNTER A SOVIET SEIZURE OF ICELAND."

G. PAGE 7 FIRST PARA, SOME SEMANTIC CHANGES. SECOND LINE BETWEEN " GROUND DEFENSE FORCE " AND " MANNED BY AMERICAN " ADD " WHICH IS ". THIRD LINE BETWEEN " MILITARY PERSONNEL " AND " ASSIGNED " ADD " WHO ARE ". STRIKE OUT NEXT FOUR WORDS " TO KEFLAVIK. THEY HAVE ". ADD WORD " FOG " SO THAT THIS BECOMES CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS SENTENCE.

H. PAGE 7 SAME PARA, FIFTH LINE, STRIKE OUT WORD " ALMOST " AND WORD " OTHER ". SENTENCE READS THEREFORE " ARMS ARE STORED AT KEFLAVIK FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED THERE ", ETC. THIS CHANGE REFLECTS MORE ACCURATE SITUATION AND AVOIDS MIS-INTERPRETATION BY GOI.

I. PAGE 8 LAST PARA, STRIKE OUT LAST WORD THIRD LINE AND REST OF SENTENCE. THIS CHANGE WILL GIVE US MORE FLEXIBILITY IN FUTURE DEALINGS WITH A NEW GOVT IF PRESENT ONE FALLS. A NEW GOVT MAY NOT DEMAND ELIMINATION OF TV SIGNAL FROM REYKJAVIK.

2. FONMIN MADE PROMISE TO US A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THAT HE WILL NOT SHOW PAPER TO THE TWO COMMUNIST MINISTERS. HE PRESUMABLY WILL SHOW PAPER TO THE OTHER TWO PROGRESSIVE PARTY AND THE TWO OLL MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM IS HANNIBAL VALDIMARSSOM. HE MAY ALSO HAVE TO SHOW PAPER TO SELECTED MEMBERS OF ALTHING FRC.

3. I WOULD PROPOSE SHOWING PAPER TO FONMIN SOMETIME NEXT WEEK ON
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AN UNOFFICIAL BASIS FIRST TO ASCERTAIN HIS VIEWS AND WHETHER

IN FACT HE REALLY WANTS THE PAPER SUBMITTED TO HIM OFFICIALLY
NEXT WEEK. I SUGGEST THIS APPROACH BECAUSE OF SITUATION
DESCRIBED REFTELS (B). IRVING

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